

What is claimed is:

1. A process for forming a finish upon a vehicle wheel comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a vehicle wheel;

5 (b) depositing a base layer formed from an organic material onto at least a portion of a surface of the vehicle wheel;

(c) curing the organic layer;

10 (d) depositing a first finish layer formed from a first inorganic material over the organic layer; and

15 (e) depositing a second finish layer formed from a second inorganic material over the first inorganic layer.

2. A process according to claim 1 further including, prior to step (b) cleaning the surface of the wheel.

15 3. A process according to claim 2 wherein cleaning the surface of wheel forms an intermediate layer of material between the surface of the wheel and the base layer of organic material.

20 4. A process according to claim 1 wherein the first layer of inorganic material applied in step (d) includes a color.

5. A process according to claim 1 wherein the first inorganic layer applied in step (d) includes a metallic material.

25 6. A process according to claim 5 wherein the second inorganic layer applied in step (e) includes a ceramic clear coat.

30 7. A process according to claim 1 wherein the first inorganic layer applied in step (d) includes a ceramic material.

8. A process according to claim 7 wherein the second inorganic layer applied in step (e) includes a ceramic clear coat.

5 9. A process according to claim 1 wherein said second inorganic material is the same as said first inorganic material.

10 10. A process according to claim 1 wherein said second inorganic material is different from said first inorganic material.

11. A vehicle wheel comprising:  
an annular wheel rim;  
a circular wheel disc formed across an end of said wheel rim;  
a first layer formed from an organic material disposed over at least a portion of  
15 a surface of one of said wheel rim and said wheel disc;  
a second layer formed from a first inorganic material disposed over said first  
layer; and  
a third layer formed from a second inorganic material disposed over said  
second layer.

20 12. A vehicle wheel according to claim 11 wherein said first inorganic  
material includes a metallic material.

25 13. A vehicle wheel according to claim 12 wherein said second inorganic  
material includes a ceramic clear coat.

14. A vehicle wheel according to claim 11 wherein said first inorganic  
material includes a ceramic material.

30 15. A vehicle wheel according to claim 14 wherein said second inorganic

material includes a ceramic clear coat.

16. A vehicle wheel according to claim 11 wherein said organic material in said first layer includes a color.

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17. A process according to claim 11 wherein the second inorganic material deposited in step (e) is the same as the first inorganic material deposited in step (d).

10 18. A process according to claim 11 wherein the second inorganic material deposited in step (e) is different from the first inorganic material deposited in step (d).

15 19. A vehicle wheel according to claim 11 further including an intermediate layer disposed between the surface of the wheel and said first layer of organic material.

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20 20. A finish for a surface of a vehicle wheel disc comprising:  
a first layer formed from an organic material disposed over at least a portion of a surface of the wheel disc;

a second layer formed from a first inorganic material disposed over said first layer; and

a third layer formed from a second inorganic material disposed over said second layer.